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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

BRANDT et al.

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GROUP 1734

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Examiner UNKNOWN

PROCESS AND APPARATUS FOR DECORATING
PACKAGES WITH CONVEX SURFACES

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the
above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Cancel claims 1-22, and add the following new claims:

--23. (new) A process for continuously placing
decorations on packages having convex surfaces, the packages
being rotatably supplied on a transport conveyor and the
decorations being moved on a carrier web extending from a supply
reel to a take up reel, tangentially past a transfer location,
the decorations being sequentially transferred under the
application of heat and/or pressure, the method further
comprising the steps of: